

ARSENAL CRASH 4-0 TO BRILLIANT LUTON

LUTON 4, ARSENAL 0

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WATCH for Luton in the Cup! They hammered out this message by the way they outplayed the tough Arsenal team. In a brilliant first-half display they had the Arsenal defence strung out to its fullest extent for long periods, and Jack Kelsey probably had the busiest 45 minutes of his life.

Kelsey might have prevented both goals scored by Allan Brown before the interval in the 23rd and 31st minutes. However, he saved brilliantly on several occasions.

Always Luton were the better balanced, more direct and harder shooting team, with wing-halves Bob Morton and Reg Pearce holding a grip on midfield, and the relentless Sid Bowen making Vic Groves look a very ordinary player.

However, there was nothing ordinary about his namesake John Groves, who has brought new life and power to this Luton forward line.

It was his stream of passes down the middle that made Brown the most dangerous attacker on the field. At the same time, though, outside-left George McLeod, who has been having a thin time lately, came right back to form to the discomfiture of Stan Charlton.

With Cliff Holton at right-back and David Herd, who had been Arsenal's best forward at right-half, there was some tightening up in defence and much of the second half was stalemate, in contrast to the sparkle of the first.

However, Bill Dodgin could never hold the fast-moving opportunist Brown, who completed his first hat-trick for Luton a minute from the end, after John Groves had put on Luton's third goal six minutes earlier.

Arsenal kept on fighting, but they had neither the craft in attack—which they switched about a lot in the second half—nor the traditional soundness in defence to worry this magnificent Luton team.

The game attracted the biggest attendance at Kenilworth-road for over two years, and there are now distinct signs that enthusiasm for football in the town is on the way back. And not before time, with Luton playing this vintage stuff.